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PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to promote the cultivation of fruits and vegetables in various States;

(b) if so, the details of the production of fruits and vegetables during the last three years and current year, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of the fruits and vegetables in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented w.e.f. 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. Mission subsumes National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH), National Bamboo Mission (NBM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB) and Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH), Nagaland. All States/UTs are covered under MIDH.

(b): Statement indicating state-wise production of fruits and vegetables from 2010-11 to 2013-14 is given at Annexure.

(c): The Mission has undertaken steps to promote holistic growth of horticulture sector, through area based regionally differentiated strategies, which include research, technology promotion, extension, post harvest management, processing and marketing in consonance with comparative advantage of each State/region and its diverse agri-climatic features.